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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 5 JANUARY 1960

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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Work

D/GG -- The proposed GM on Shatt-el-Arab is under consideration; available information will be gathered together and discussed further with Ch/G in a day or so. Due to a succession of delays, the GR on Koreans in Japan has not yet been issued. The Kurd project has been helpful in providing data requested informally by ONE for an NIE.

2. Travel Plans 25X1A9a

a. D/GC -- [REDACTED] plans to travel to New York next week.
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b. D/GG -- [REDACTED] will attend the First International Symposium of Arctic Geology in Canada from 11 to 13 January.

25X1A9a [REDACTED] Area Familiarization trip to Africa is scheduled to begin 1 February.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. Hungarian Geographers

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[REDACTED] reported he is writing to 3 Hungarian geographers, inviting one to the AAG meetings in Dallas and two others (the director of specialized mapping organization and an employee of the State Office of Cartography) to the ACSM meetings.

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b. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

[REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] will be in town next week and that it is planned to hold a meeting with him at that time.

4. ACIC Directive for Elimination of WAC Charts on Eurasia

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[REDACTED] reviewed for the group the ACIC Directive regarding the elimination of WAC Charts on Eurasia and the anticipated results of this upon CIA consumers. A memorandum has been addressed to various CIA components, asking for comments on the effect the implementation of this directive will have upon their operations. If the replies to this memo so warrant, [REDACTED] will make a representation to ACIC in an attempt to minimize possible disruption of CIA programs involving the use of the WAC.

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5. Department of Commerce Notice Regarding Release of China Atlas
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[REDACTED] reported that the Department of Commerce has issued a notice (OTS 59-402; 23 Dec 1959) regarding the release of our China Atlas for sale to the public.

25X1A9a⁶ Ready-Reserve Listing

[REDACTED] stated it would not be necessary to revise the Area Ready-Reserve Listing at this time. However, he asked that the divisions send him any additions they would like made to the latest list (9 Jan 1959) so that these could be added to the list in O/Ch/G files.

7. Revised Titles and Serial Numbers for ORR Reports

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[REDACTED] gave each of the Division Chiefs a copy of the list of "Revised Titles and Serial Numbers" put into effect on 1 January 1960 for ORR Intelligence Reports. This was the result of a review made by the ORR committee set up to study the standardization of report categories within ORR.

8. Competitive Evaluation Panel

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[REDACTED] was informed that he was Chairman of the CEP for the period starting 1 January 1960, and [REDACTED] asked that a new CEP listing be prepared within the next month.

9. Geographic Exchange

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[REDACTED] read from an "Aide-Memoire" prepared by East-West Contacts, State Department, which names the AAG as the sponsoring organization and Professor Chauncy Harris as the responsible individual for the Geographic Exchange. It also requests the Soviets to identify the organization and individual which will handle the exchange for them.

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[REDACTED] suggested that [REDACTED] be considered to accompany the delegation as interpreter.

10. Chief/G Schedule for Tuesday Afternoons

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[REDACTED] announced that, beginning next Tuesday (12 January), he would like to make it a regular practice to visit each of the divisions for about an hour on Tuesday afternoons. On the alternate Tuesday, an Area Staff Meeting will be held.

11. USACRAPAC Town Plan Program

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12. Need for Clerical Help

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[REDACTED] stated that D/GG would soon be in critical need of additional clerical help, as two clerical personnel would be leaving within the next few weeks.